



Five-Point Green Action Plan

Protecting our Air, Water, and Open Spaces Today and for Future Generations

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1) Fighting for Clean Water — Lead-Free Schools Act

- Josh will be reintroducing the bipartisan Lead-Free Schools Act, which directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strengthen national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper.
- Lead water has no place in our homes or schools. Josh has also called on New Jersey to follow state law N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g) which requires the public release of the list of schools with lead-tainted water.
- Josh is also holding utilities accountable for replacing old, lead-tainted pipes that are harming our children's drinking water.
- Over-salting on rural roads can contaminate drinking-water wells. Josh is actively working to bring state and local officials together in Knowlton to make sure over-salting does not put the community at risk.
- Josh strongly supports the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the appropriations process, which brings home federal resources for state safe water programs.

2) Protecting our Cherished Parks and Open Spaces Natural Treasures

- All seventy-two miles of the scenic Appalachian Trail in New Jersey run directly through the Fifth District. Josh has fought to protect our very own sliver of this national treasure and ensure this natural gem remains untarnished.
- Josh has consistently supported the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and voted for bipartisan legislation to reauthorize this crucial program which supports the Trail and other federally protected areas.
- Josh consistently works to claw back needed federal resources to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. This 70,000-acre protected area is a lynchpin of the Warren County ecosystem.

3) Working Quickly and Globally to Tackle Climate Change

- Josh co-sponsored and voted for H.R.9, the Climate Action Now Act, requiring the U.S. to meet its international commitments to the Paris Agreement.
- This bill also helps the U.S. ensure other countries are fulfilling their obligations to keep our air and water clean.

4) Protecting the Jersey Shore from Off-shore Drilling

- Off-shore drilling has no place here off our Jersey Shore, such a vital part of our tourism and eco-economy.
- Josh helped introduce H.R.341, the COAST Anti-Drilling Act, bipartisan legislation that will permanently prohibit drilling off the Atlantic Coast.
- Josh has urged the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw plans to allow any off-shore drilling off our coast.

5) Combating Toxic Dumping in our Communities

- Years of neglect and lack of support for Superfund cleanup have left New Jersey with the most Superfund sites in the country.
- Josh has fought to claw-back much needed federal resources to New Jersey to support the Superfund Program and safely clean up toxic sites throughout the Fifth District and the State.
- Josh is vigorously fighting back against illicit dumping sites in Warren and Sussex Counties including the Waste Mountain in Vernon. Josh is urging the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to use its enforcement authority to conduct further testing on the Vernon Waste Mountain and immediately cease all further efforts to illegally dump toxic solid waste at the site.